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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1646

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Examiner: MERTZ, PREMA MARIA

APPLICATION NO: 09/966,955

FILED: SEPTEMBER 28, 2001

FOR: IDENTIFICATION AND CLONING OF A FULL-LENGTH

HUMAN CLNK-RELATED GENE, MIST (MAST CELL

IMMUNORECEPTOR SIGNAL TRANSDUCER)

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments to the above captioned application. Applicants note that only the claims have been amended, and that in accordance with the Official Gazette Notice entitled, "Revised Procedure for Amendments", dated November 8th, 2005, such amendments are exempt from the requirement to file a Substitute Specification. Submitted concurrently herewith is a copy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt for PTA-2981, and Exhibit A which are both being provided for the convenience of the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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